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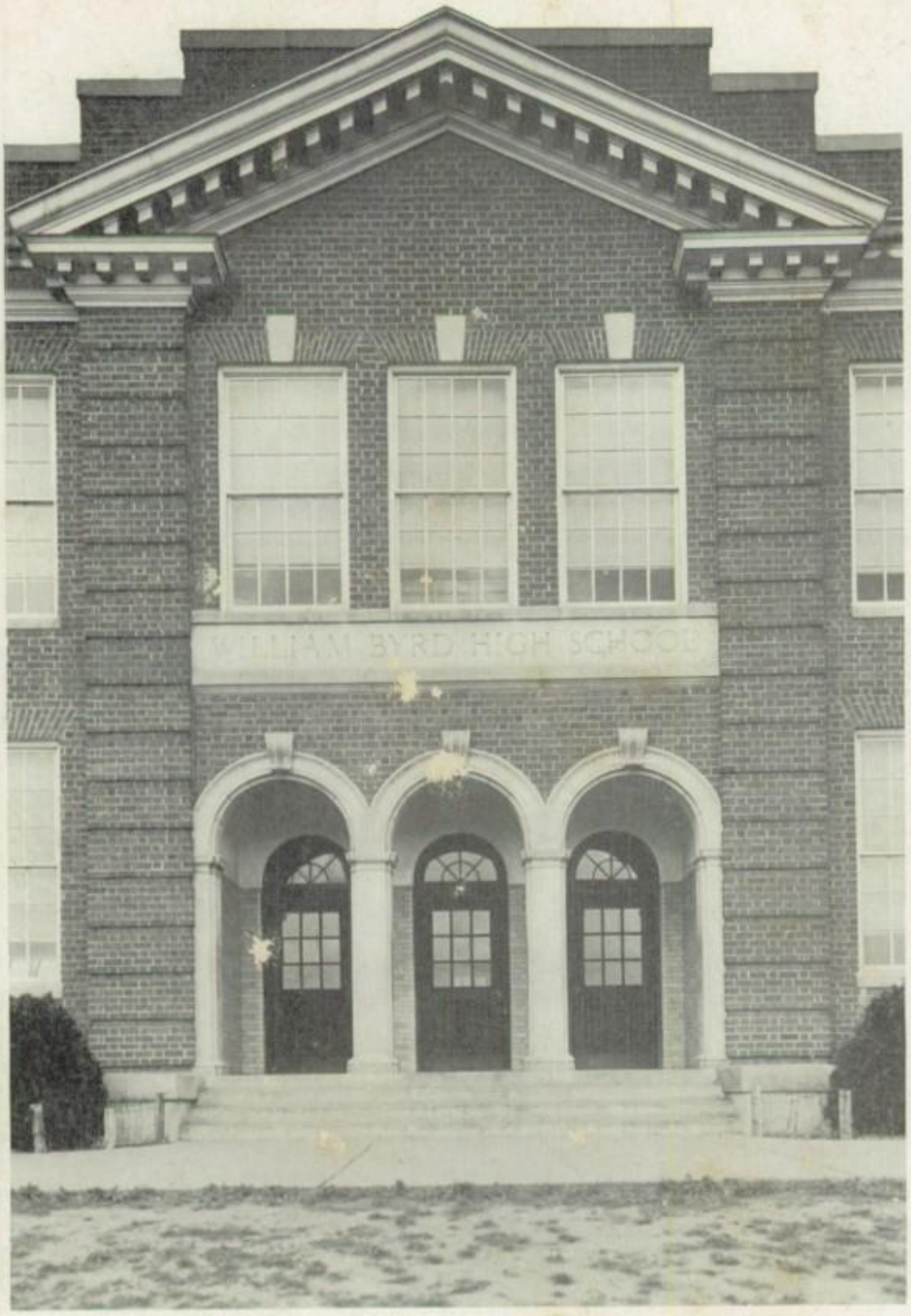

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Dedication

to

Mr. Herman L. Horn

OUR PRINCIPAL, whose patient guidance and whose genuine interest in each of us have gone far toward bringing happiness and making our school life a true success, we, the Class of '39, with thankful hearts and enthusiastic hopes for the future, dedicate this our Sixth Volume of the BLACK SWAN.

Foreword

WE, the Senior Class and the Annual Staff, send forth this 1939 BLACK SWAN to you, the students, with the hope that it will serve as a reminder of your school days at William Byrd High School. In later years may it bring back to those dimmed memories the scenes among which we have spent four fruitful years, and through this, our Annual, may we recall the faculty and our friends with whom we have shared both joys and sorrows.

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6A

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6A–6B

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Secretary

Mr. L. Christensen
Band Instructor

Senior Class History

LET US turn back the pages of William Byrd's history four years, just to go through high school again with 1939's seniors, as a bit of review before the doors are, for the last time, closed behind them.

They were a group of growing youngsters then, one hundred and seventy to be exact, but about as ignorant as their large number. Let us look at them as they, in the fall of '35, entered into that blessed year of high school infancy. They walked up to good old William Byrd, with wondering expressions on their faces, and timidly knocked. Mr. Horn, our ever faithful friend and principal, answered the door, and took these chicks under his wings.

In this manner they became settled for a four years visit (I guess I shouldn't leave those out who liked Byrd so well that they wanted to stay longer but, as Miss Marshall would say, a hint to the wise is sufficient, and you might wear your welcome out).

Even children have to work sometimes and we, the freshmen of '35, certainly did our share. We were placed under the able sponsorship of Miss Fitzpatrick, and Clarence Ferguson, Harold Rice, Janet Long, and Mary Jo Shelor were elected to guide and rule the freshmen.

We chose as our motto one that really had a meaning for a class of freshmen: "I slept and dreamed that life was beauty; I woke and found that life was duty."

Our freshman year would have ended so "peacefully" if Old Man Examinations had not begun to whittle on us; in fact, when he had finished, our former number—one hundred and seventy—was whittled down to one hundred and twenty-five.

Thus we took our second step in high school life, for we were Sophomores. My, but we were a lazy bunch, for other than elect our officers who were: Janet Long, Beverly Smith, and Tom Silcox, very little was done. Our sponsor for the nine months case of spring fever was Miss Overstreet, who did everything she could, except put dynamite under us to make us work.

Then once more we were whittled until our class roll was decreased to one hundred and three, and these entered into the second highest place in high school, the Junior year, which was a year worth remembering. Like a flower, we awoke to find all the world working and blossoming, so we decided to try our luck, and under the dutiful sponsorship of Byrd's attractive little teacher, Miss Carson, we produced the play "Second Fiddle."

The officers for this year of Renaissance were: Janet Long, Beverly Smith, Vivian Kidd, and Virginia Booth.

By the time Old Man Examinations had finished whittling for the third time, our original number, one hundred and seventy, was reduced, in the fall of '38, to eighty-three. Thus we started our last and best year of secondary education.

Our officers who were chosen by a committee and approved by the class as a whole, were: Virginia Booth, Cleveland Saul, Lottie Aliff, and Elma Moody.

For a class with such great ambitions and that certain "get-what-I-want" attitude, Mr. Horn thought it best to give us two teachers as co-sponsors, Mrs. Stiff and Mrs. Snider, who are the "cream of the crop."

Dear Seniors, you no longer sit on mama's lap and listen to the story of the "Three Little Pigs," but you should at least pay heed to the moral that it teaches. Now that you are freeing yourself of mama's apron strings you must go out into the world and build your house, as did the little pigs. It will protect you from this wicked world, so don't build it of straw and sticks. Then you, too, can sing "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?"

Well, good-bye Seniors, William Byrd is going to close her door behind you, so watch out, don't let it catch your fingers.

GENEVIEVE SILCOX

The Senior Class

OFFICERS

VIRGINIA BOOTH
President

CLEVELAND SAUL
Vice President

LOTTIE ALIFF
Secretary

ELMA MOODY
Treasurer

The Senior Class

LOTTIE VIRGINIA ALIFF

"O, thou art fairer than the evening air"

A well-mannered little lady she is, with a beautiful complexion which justifies her being the most beautiful girl in the Senior Class. Her dependability and willingness to work will take Lottie a long way on the ladder of success.

LULA RUTH ARRINGTON

"It is more blessed to give than to receive"

A sweet, good-natured girl who is an asset to any senior class. Ruth always greets you with a smile, and her countenance is one which will brighten the day for any one.

IRENE ELLA BARBOUR

"Nature speaks in symbols and in signs"

Irene is a girl who finds a silver lining in every dark cloud. She certainly is optimistic, and, like all the rest, says "it is easier to laugh than cry, and it doesn't ruin your make-up."

OPAL RUTH BLEVINS

"Build on and make thy castles high and fair"

When you hear the name "Opal," of what do you think? A jewel, and that she is—a sweet, jolly, laughing girl, who always wears a sunny smile and is continually helping some one.

DOROTHY FRANCES BOLEY

"A wee, bonnie lass like a sweet wild rose"

Dorothy—one of the most capable and intelligent members of the Class of '39. She has a smile for every one and is loved by all. Through her attractive personality she has won many friends. Here's wishing her much success always!

VIRGINIA FRANCES BOOTHE

"One who never turned her back but marched breast forward"

Victory always, she rarely meets defeat,
In all the many tasks she happens to meet.
Optimistic and friendly—one for all woes,
Loving and helpful to all whom she knows.
Ambitious to be the best in the world,
Virginia is just a sweet, all-round girl.

INA BROWN

"The hand that hath made you fair hath made you good"

I—ntelligent
N—eat
A—bility
These words describe a very sweet little girl of the Senior Class.

CORA VIRGINIA BUCK

"Not too sober, not too gay,
But a true, sweet friend in every way."

Virginia always comes up smiling and is ever ready to help those in trouble. Her sweet ways and good nature have won her many friends. Joy and success to you, Virginia.

LOUISE ARRINGTON COLEMAN

"None but herself could be her parallel"

Jolly, attractive, good looking, too,
A friend who is true-blue, through and through,
One who gets her share of good grades,
A shining light is this sweet maid.

VIRGINIA ARLINE DILLARD

"Life is a great bundle of little things"

Yes, Virginia is small and, some say, quiet, but that does not hinder her cheery disposition. She never worries herself about studying, but always comes out all right. Whatever you do may success go with you, Virginia, our friend!

SYLVIA CORRINE ETEN

"Jolly—yet serious; fun-loving—yet sincere"

Sylvia—that friendly, charming, attractive little Senior with ambition and ability. She's a good all-round sport, just filled with pep and personality. We wish you just the best of success.

LILLIAN FOUTZ

"The glass of fashion and the mould of form"

Sweet—Sincere—Studious—Stern—Serious—Yes, that's Lillian, with a pleasant smile, always ready to do something to benefit others. May success and happiness go with you wherever you go.

MARY JETER FUNK

"Rare compound of oddity, athlete, and friend!"

Can you imagine such a combination? If so, you have Mary Jim, who is athletic and universally popular. Life's best to you, ole pal.

VIRGINIA FRANCES GOODMAN

"It is through art that we can realize our perfection"

Capable, gifted, and pleasant, too,
This is Virginia through and through,
Whenever there's drawing to be done,
Call on Virginia, she's just the one.

CALLIE CECILE GORDON

"Thy modesty is a candle to thy merit"

Kind, always willing to help with the most difficult problem—that's our class poet, Callie. She is a person to be relied upon, is a good sport, and has plenty of pep. Good luck to you, Callie.

LAURIE MAE HALE

"To know her is to love her"

Everybody loves Laurie and we all know the reason,
'Cause Laurie loves everybody in and out of season!

The Senior Class

FLORA ETTA HATCHER

"There is always work,
And tools to work withal; for those who will."

Flora—that good-natured, quiet, and unassuming senior. She is one of our hardest workers as a result of her deep inclination to succeed. Best of luck in everything you undertake, Flora.

DOROTHY IRENE HARTMAN

"A friend to everybody and everybody's friend"

Bright, sweet, attractive, and always ready to lend a helping hand—that's Dorothy. Her good humor and her ability to take life as it comes have won for her a host of friends.

CHARLOTTE EDNA HEATH

"Here's a girl with a heart and a smile
That makes the bubble of life worth while."

Speed in typing, intelligence in class, and best of good friends—Charlotte is one of our sweetest seniors and we wish her all of the luck in the world.

VIVIAN PAULINE KIDD

"Upon whose little body lodged a mighty mind"

Vivian—a wee, winsome individual that makes up in ability for what she lacks in size. She holds the key to the door of knowledge as well as to a good sense of humor, which makes all who know her love her. We wish you much success!

MYRTLE MAE LAWHORN

"O, this learning! What a thing it is!"

Plenty of pep and enthusiasm, much charm, a good sport, and a true friend is our star athlete—Myrtle. Here's to you, for success in all you undertake.

JANET ELIZABETH LONG

"Ever willing and capable to do
whatever she undertakes"

Here's to Janet, so dear,
The "typical senior" in the class this year,
Sweet, attractive, and loving too,
That is Janet, through and through.

JOSEPHINE ELIZABETH MEADOR

"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart"

Memories, yes, pleasant memories of "Jo"—one of great dramatic ability, a true friend, and a ready and willing worker. May the very best of success and happiness be yours, "Jo."

ELMA LAUNDONIA MOODY

"Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast,
to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak."

A combination of charm and humor that is well known at William Byrd. Elma is one of our most talented pianists. From all indications she will soon excel Paderewski and, meanwhile, we wish her the best of luck.

FRANCES LORRAINE MUNSEY

"Quite the jolliest girl we know,
Full of pep and lots of go."

"Losy" is one of those likable, happy-go-lucky individuals who never seems to worry about anything. May your days always be as sunny as your disposition!

RACHEL JUANITA NANCE

"If she will she will and you may depend on it.
If she won't she won't and that's the end of it."

With her cordial greetings and friendly smile Rachel has made her life here a period of work and pleasure combined. Her frankness, sincerity, and admirable character have won for her a warm place in our hearts.

MARGIE ELAINE NOLEN

"Business before pleasure"

One of our most dignified little brunettes is Elaine. How could one resist her flashing smile that is so infectious? Always in a good humor, Elaine has made many friends here at William Byrd.

ESSIE LEE PATSEL

"Little but loud"

"Little but loud" describes this ball of personality, bouncing with vitality, sweetness, and friendship around the halls of William Byrd. We are sure she will bounce still higher in success after she leaves us!

ARDITH MAE POFF

"She is a girl both loving and sincere"

A fifty-word biography would be too short to give the important facts about such a capable girl as Ardith, whose pleasing personality would enable her to conquer the world. May sorrows stay as far away from her as the distance between the S's in "smiles."

EVELYN ELIZABETH POWELL

"Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers"

The words, "forever sincere and true" certainly do describe Evelyn for she has proved herself not only to be sincere and true to her studies, but also to her school and to her classmates. May success and happiness be hers!

BEVERLY BLAIR PREAS

"Never miss a joy in the world of trouble,
that's my theory"

To meet her is to realize an everlasting friend, one that smiles and never sighs; the friend you'll want to win. May luck be yours!

JANEVA PEARL ROOP

"Still water runs deep"

Janeva is a quiet, capable girl, loved by all who know her, for she is a friend indeed. The saying "once a friend, always a friend," really fits her. Success to you, Janeva.

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THELMA LOUISE SEXTON

"Unexcelled in loyalty and good nature"

Big-hearted and true—that's Thelma, who is always ready and willing to do her part. The love, esteem, and good wishes of many school friends will follow her.

INEZ JUANITA SHELOR

"The memory of the just is blessed"

Sweet
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killful
incere

These all describe a sweet little girl in our class. May the best of everything come to you, "Nancy."

GENEVIEVE SILCOX

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are paths of peace."

We remember "Genny" as a dependable girl on all occasions, sweet and sincere, and always ready to lend a helping hand. Too, we recall her as one of our best actresses and workers in the Dramatic Club. Here's wishing her happiness in life.

MARY FRANCES SMITH

"Great women speak little"

When we think of Frances, we think of a quiet, charming girl. Though quiet and reserved, she is one of our most beloved seniors.

EDITH BURNELL TOLLEY

"As merry as the day is long"

Full of pep, snap, and wit is Edith, loyal and lovable. What more could you want? Best of luck!

DOROTHY ELIZABETH TURPIN

"The only way to have a friend is to be one"

A little shy, but infinitely dear,
Always brimming with brightness and cheer,
Attractive, talented, interesting, too,
Dorothy, we're speaking only of you.

GEORGIA MURIEL VAUGHT

"I have enjoyed the happiness of the world,
I have lived and loved."

We introduce to you one of the quietest and most tranquil individuals of William Byrd. Though exceedingly well liked, one would never discover it through her modesty. She does her best, and does it well.

DOROTHY FRANCES WALDRON

"A cheerful laugh devoid of care,
a happy laugh heard everywhere."

Attractive, sweet and gay; an ideal pal in every way. That's "Dot," and it's true, too. Best of luck to you!

MILDRED ROSA WARD

"The aim, if reached or not, makes this life great"

It's a rare thing to find so many lovable qualities in one girl as are found in Mildred—sweet, attractive, a good sport, and a true friend. May success be yours!

RUTH MILDRED WATSON

"Sorrow and silence are strong and patient endurance is godlike"

To her friends and classmates she is known as one who is always obliging—always in a good humor. However, we know she has her thoughts and we are aware of the fact that "silence is golden."

FRANCES MATILDA WOOD

"In each cheek appears a pretty dimple, always gay and laughing, still not simple"

Although Frances is very quiet and reserved, for a friend we've found none better. She personifies those qualities we dream of in a high school girl. Best of success for you!

DAVIS WILLIAM ADKINS

"A kind and gentle heart he had, to comfort friends and foes"

A quiet, unassuming manner, a keen mind, and interest in athletics, have won for Davis a host of friends at William Byrd.

WILTON BRYANT

"What should a man do but be merry?"

Wilton believes in getting fun out of life. Although his energy is not always exhibited in his school work, it is in those things which interest him most. We know he will be successful in anything he undertakes in life.

PAUL GRIFFEN CADD

"His air, his manners, all who saw admired"

A quiet, well-mannered senior of the Class of '39 will be missed by all who know him. Paul was one of our best in football and to him we wish much success. His personality is made up of pluck and a determination which will put him ahead.

GEORGE WILLIAM CARR

"He speaketh not and yet there lies a conversation in his eyes"

William is one who takes responsibility with ease. He has a pleasing personality and is liked by those with whom he comes in contact in both work and play.

GERALD NEIL CARROLL

"Happy am I, from care I'm free. Why can't they all be jolly like me?"

S—nappy
P—olite
E—nergetic
C—ourageous

A happy-go-lucky senior, yet, underneath the surface lies the firmness that will make him successful after the doors are closed on his high school days.

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DAVID CREASY

"In truth hard study is bad for the brain"

Pete's smiling countenance is not easily erasable. Obstacles mean little in his life, for he has a will to overcome them.

JESSE PRESTON COX

"Haste not"

This year the Seniors contributed many to our football team—to us they gave "Jes." What more could we ask? The Class of '39 knows who can take a defeat as well as an honor, so Jesse was chosen the "Best Sport."

HARRY DICKSON

"Not that I don't like work,
Just that I'm not in sympathy with it."

Who doesn't know "Dick," the most outstanding athlete of Byrd Hi? He is among the seniors that have had the honor of being on the all city-county and district football and basket ball teams. "Dick," William Byrd will surely feel your loss next year.

LORENZA LADWELL DOWDY

"Politeness is to human nature
what warmth is to wax."

"Doggie," an unassuming and unselfish student, will be long remembered by his classmates because of his politeness and courtesy to others. His neatness in dress, with shining countenance to match, is another of his characteristics. Joy and success to you, "Doggie."

FRANCIS FREEMAN FUNK

"Read, work, learn, and inwardly digest"

Freeman, work and the world will build a pathway to your door. It is he who has given of his time and talent so that we may have our annual snapshots to remember our schoolmates. Good luck to you, "Freedie," you deserve the best.

HENRY EDWARD GARNAND

"I think you to be a mixture of humor and wit"

"Ed" had us fooled for a long time, but we're on to him now. His soberness is just a mask for a heartful of mischief. Good-natured, yes, the Seniors chose him the "Best Natured" in the class.

MAYNARD HAROLD GORDON

"A nice, unparticular man"

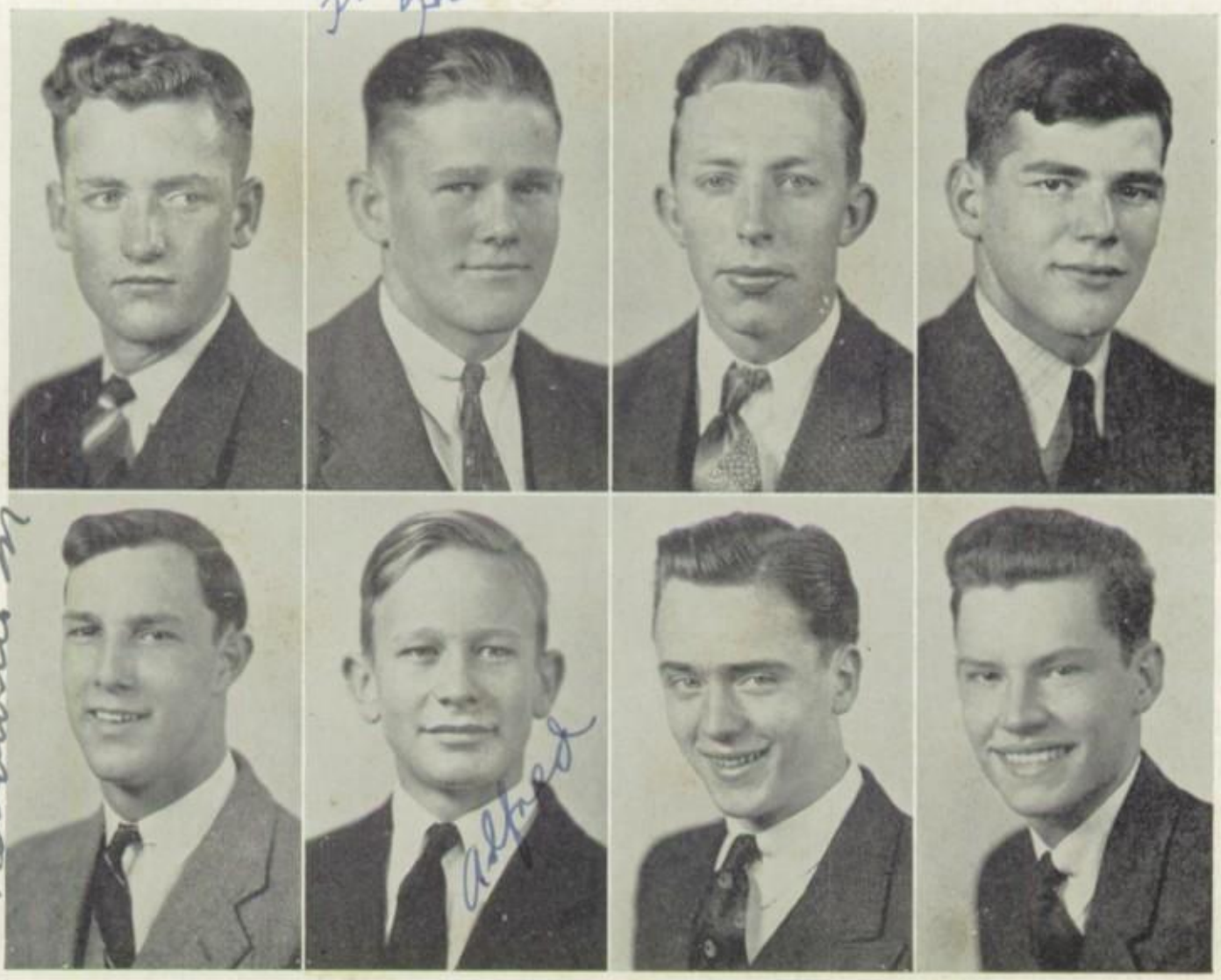
A good sport and lots of fun, too. Although he was not a leader, he occupied an important place in many activities of the school. He has made a host of friends and is an enemy to none.

RICHARD SAMUEL GORDON

"A good man possesses a kingdom"

Good natured, athletic, and full of pep—that's Richard. In fact, he is a good representative of a high school boy. His personality has won him the friendship of both boys and girls who are certain that he will arrive at the station of success in life.

Francis Hill



Brownie M

Alfred

KERMIT EDISON HALE

"The most wasted of all days are those on which he has not laughed"

Personality, yes, and spelled with a capital P for that smile that beams upon his face would make any dark cloud have a silver lining. Kermit has slowly but surely won a definite place in the hearts of his classmates.

HAROLD FRANCIS HILL

"An honest man, the noblest work of God"

"Bill" is one of the quietest and most retiring boys of the Senior Class. But from his solitude "Bill" has emerged enough to let us know that there is plenty of good to be said.

RUFUS MILFRED HUNLEY

"He lives to build, not to boast, a generous race"

When we think of Milfred we remember a quiet, hardworking, and rather serious-minded boy. We all hope that he will continue to work hard in later life so that success will surely be his.

JOSEPH ROBERT MILNER

"Nothing can be produced out of nothing"

Joe is a happy person, a seriousness mellowed by a keen sense of humor and a natural love of clean fun, anywhere, anytime.

CARSON ALVIN MOORE

"Stately and tall, he moves in the hall, the chief of a thousand for grace."

"Brownie" is always the same, win or lose—bubbling over with good fellowship. He is always willing to cooperate with the faculty in any undertaking.

JOSEPH ALFRED MULLINS

"Ability is a man's wealth"

Alfred always knows what to do when called upon. He has obtained the achievement of being an honor student. Always pleasant, contented, never complaining, that's Alfred. His character is of gold and he deserves the best life has to offer.

RUSSELL MYERS

"A good reputation is better than money"

Russell was one of our mid-term graduates. He was quiet, neat, and well mannered; facts that any one should be proud of. Much happiness and success in the future, Russell.

HERBERT LEE PATTERSON

"Genius does what it must, talent does what it can"

When it is hard to find some one to take part in a certain activity, there's Herbert, always willing and ready to do his part. This reason, among others, makes him of value to us.

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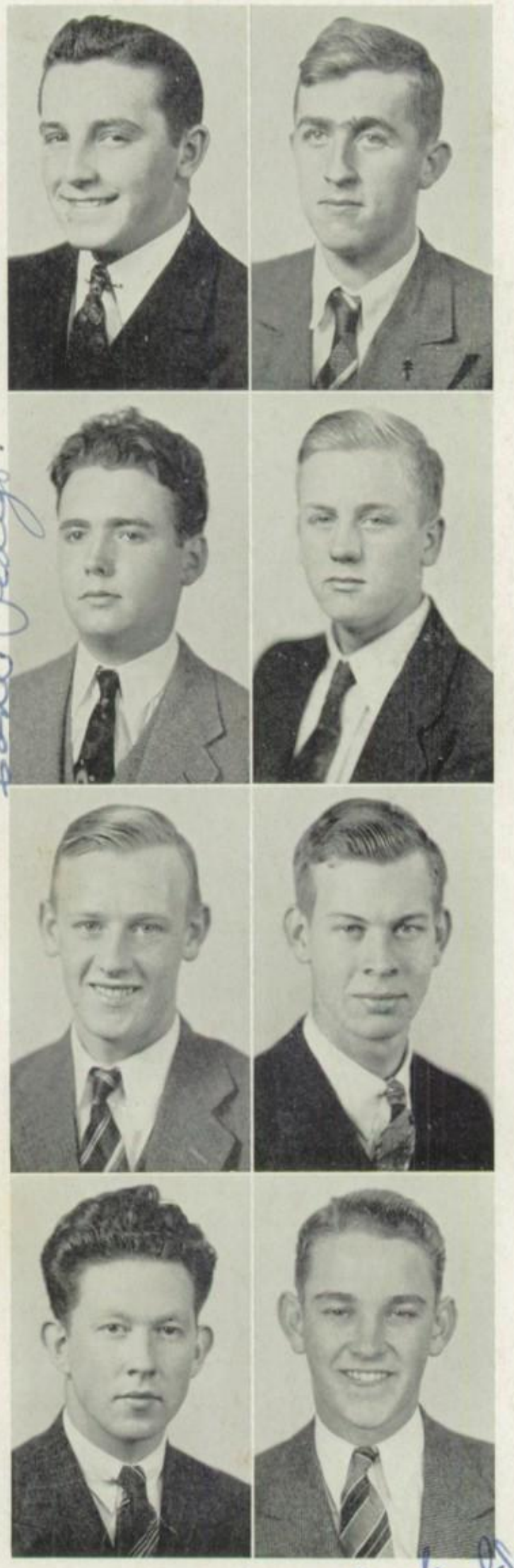


Earl Pedigo.

Raymond Pillow

J. Reynolds

Sincerely Cleveland Saul

HARDING GURRANT PATSEL

"No one knows what he can do till he tries"

Each of his actions tells us that he is in love with life, and that all of his abilities will be used in an effort to make life happy and livable.

WILLIAM EDWARD PAYNE

"Wisdom is better than rules"

By his quietness and thoughtfulness "Ed" has won a place among us that would be hard to fill. "Ed's" strength of character and willingness to work hard will surely bring him success in future years.

EARL BOOKER PEDIGO

"Capability, dependability, and firmness of character"

Earl's efficient work on the staff of the BLACK SWAN thoroughly convinces us that he has great talents that will make him a great success in all his undertakings.

RAYMOND EUGENE PILLOW

"A workman that need not be ashamed"

Talented and serious, yet fun loving; these are the traits that make Raymond's life worth while. His hard work has done much to make *The Byrd Echo* a successful school paper.

WILLIAM VAN BUREN PILLOW

"A man he seems of cheerful yesterday and confidential tomorrow"

William is an all-round, practical kind of fellow—sociable, earnest, efficient, sincere, and scholarly. His genial disposition has won for him many friends who wish him much success and luck.

JAMES WENDELL REYNOLDS

"He had talents equal to business"

L—ots of originality
E—fficient as can be
A—ll round good fellow
D—evoted to William Byrd
E—ver willing to serve
R—eady to help others
Best wishes!

LEWIS CLINTON REYNOLDS

"We met thee like a pleasant thought when such are wanted"

A thorough gentleman is "Luke." He will be missed next year as a fun-loving companion in school and a power house on the athletic field.

CLEVELAND LESTER SAUL

"A friend is the masterpiece of God"

Our class would not have been complete without Cleveland. He is a good looking, neat, and polite boy whom we all know as a true friend. What more could we expect of a senior?

HARVEY JAMES SCHAAFF

"He sleeps well that knows not he sleeps ill"

Our four years with James as a scientist have been well spent. "Shaky" shows great interest, intelligence, and ability in his work. May your life be one of success and happiness.

GEORGE KENNEY SCOTT

"Coolness and absence of heat indicate fine qualities"

A quiet disposition, and the ability to gain knowledge and get along with others will make Kenney a success in this world.

WILLIAM MURPHY SCOTT

"By the work one knows the workman"

Murphy is one of the few who can take a joke as well as give one. He is active in many school activities and especially in athletics. Murphy has won a place in the hearts of all of us that can't be replaced by any one. We hope for him the best that life can offer.

THOMAS RANDALL SILCOX

"Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you may die"

Tom possesses one of the best personalities of any one that has helped our school. He has a smile for every one and is always willing to do a task when called upon. We are sure that these qualities will always be an asset to him.

ALBERT ANTHONY SMITH

"A man of deeds not words we find; Alas not many of his kind"

Even though he has the often-heard-of name, Smith, he's a different boy, in a different way. Albert's company is always one that is enjoyed to the fullest extent, because of his witty ways. May success be his always.

BEVERLY STEWART SMITH

"Typical student, sterling friend, scholar, and man in perfect blend"

"Teck" is one of our most popular boys. That smile has won for him many friends. He is always willing when called upon to do a task and does it well. May life bring to you the best there is, "Teck."

WILTON PHELPS THURMAN

"He's true to God who's true to man"

Wilton's way of having fun is one we would all like to have. Wilton has a number of friends and in the future will gain many more by his pleasing ways.

JAMES CLINTON TURK

"A winner never quits, a quitter never wins"

Although J. C. is known by his classmates as being a little shy, that may be because he is one of the youngest members of his class. He will surely succeed in the commercial world for with intelligence and determination, nothing could keep him down.

The Senior Class

ROBERT LEWIS WATSON

"Patience is a remedy for every sorrow"

When you need some one to help you,
And you feel like you've been through a mill,
Ask Bobby to help the good cause,
And if we're any judge—Bobby will.

BENNIE LEE WISE

"A happy disposition; frank and genuine"

Bennie has been the "handy man" around the school as well as one of our steady football players. If there's anything which must be done, Bennie is the one. Good luck to you, Bennie!

JEANNE MURRAY SCOTT

"Fair as a star, when only one
Is shining in the sky"

Although we haven't had a chance
To know her very well,
She seems to be the type of person
About whom there'd be nice things to tell.

FAWNIE MAY LAVELLE

"A handful of pleasant delights"

Fawnie is a bundle of vivaciousness, personality, and pep. Her pleasant smile and easy-going manner have won her many friends.

BURGESS WYGAL CROMER

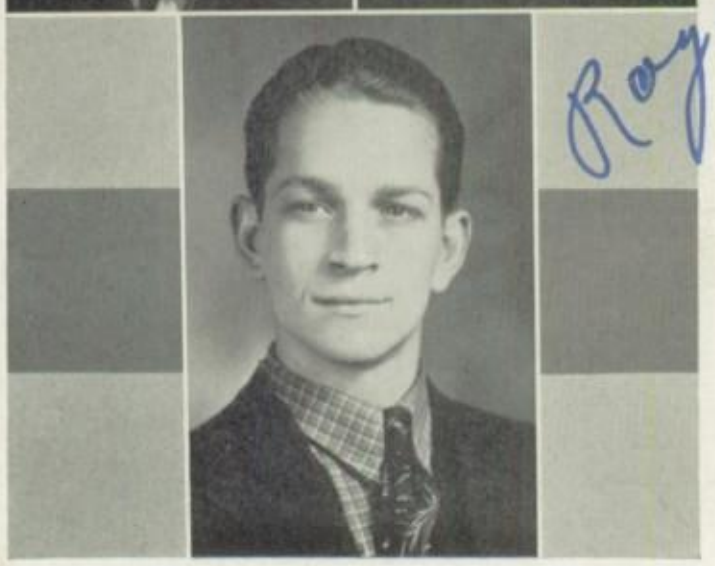
"To those who know thee not, no words can paint"

Who is this happy-go-lucky individual with the smiling face that is so familiar to us at William Byrd? It is none other than Billy, exponent of a good nature and a pleasing personality. Best of luck we wish for you!

ODUS LYNN HOLLAND

"True merit, like a river it is, the less noise"

His quietness has played no small part in building for him a reputation valuable beyond price—the reputation of a true gentleman and a scholar.



ROY BUFORD NICHOLS

"A man he seems of cheerful yesterdays
And confident tomorrows."

Roy has given a good account of himself during his four years at William Byrd. He is a good student, a good friend, and a good sport. We don't know his future career, but we wish him much success in whatever he undertakes in life.

Senior Class Mirror

Neatest
Cleveland Saul
Rachel Nance

Best Looking
Cleveland Saul
Lottie Aliff

Best Leaders
Jimmy Reynolds
Virginia Booth

Most Attractive
Kermit Hale
Nancy Shelor

Biggest Bluff
Harry Dickson
Lorraine Munsey

Best All-Round
Beverly Smith
Mary Jeter Funk

Most Athletic
Harry Dickson
Myrtle Lawhorne

Most Studious
Alfred Mullins
Vivian Kidd

Best Natured
Edward Garnand
Janet Long

Best Sports
Jesse Cox
Nancy Shelor

Wittiest
Tom Silcox
Genevieve Silcox

Typical Seniors
Alfred Mullins
Janet Long

Most Indifferent
Kenny Scott
Georgia Vaught

Most Talented
Jimmy Reynolds
Virginia Goodman

Biggest Flirts
Beverly Smith
Mary Jeter Funk

No Brains, but
Joe Milner
Lorraine Munsey

Most Dignified
Earl Pedigo
Elma Moody

Boy and Girl Shy
J. C. Turk
Janeva Roop

Most in Love
James Schaaff
Thelma Sexton

Most Likely to Succeed
Alfred Mullins
Vivian Kidd

Last Will and Testament

WE, the Senior Class of 1939, being of sound mind, do proclaim this to be our last will and testament. As to our estate which we possess, we dispose of as follows:

First: To the school we leave and bequeath our everlasting good will and loyalty;

Second: To Mr. Horn and the faculty members, who have helped make our paths easier and have guided us rightly, we give our deepest respect and gratitude;

Third: To those who will be Seniors of 1940, we leave our dignity and studiousness; to the present Freshmen we leave all our good grades in Latin, Physics, and Algebra—we know they will need them;

Fourth: We now have these individual bequests to make:

We, Ruth Arrington and Virginia Buck, do will our quietness to Virginia Dowdy.

I, Lottie Aliff, do will my good looks to Marie Bush.

I, Irene Barbour, do will my "crazy ways" to Mary Jane Kelly.

I, Opal Blevins, do will my few freckles to June Laughlin.

I, Dorothy Boley, do will my intelligence to Ethel Sprouse.

We, Virginia Booth and Louise Coleman, do will our "baby ways" to Elizabeth Abell and Pauline Barbour.

I, Ina Brown, do will my good behavior to Frances Moore.

I, Virginia Dillard, do will my smallness to Maxine Scott.

I, Sylvia Eten, do will my large "appetite" to Evelyn James.

I, Mary Jeter Funk, do will my popularity to Juanita Davis, if she can carry it.

I, Virginia Goodman, do will my artistic ability to Christine Bush.

I, Callie Gordon, do will the rolls that I baked for "World's Fair Funds" to anyone that can eat them.

I, Laurie Mae Hale, do will my support to athletic contests to all students.

I, Dorothy Hartman, do leave my slenderness to Mary Katherine Hadley.

I, Flora Hatcher, do will my willingness to work to any one who will put forth the effort.

I, Charlotte Heath, do leave to Leanna Patsel, my overweight.

I, "tiny Kidd," Vivian, will my studious ways to Doris Allen.

We, Fawnie LaVelle and Myrtle Lawhorn, do will our shapely figures to Carrie Mason and Gretna Snyder.

I, Janet Long, do will my attractiveness to Hazel Williams.

I, Josephine Meador, do will my "curly" hair to Lucille Cox.

I, Elma Moody, leave with Lucille Herman my musical talent.

I, Lorraine Munsey, do will my "excess poundage" to any one who can carry it as well as I have.

I, Rachel Nance, leave my "Only Star" to any one who can handle him.

We, Elaine Nolen and Janeva Roop, leave our silence to Dorothy McGee and Gladys Hamner.

I, Essie Patsel, do will my "Mary, Mary, quite contrary ways" to Elizabeth Holland.

I, Ardith Poff, leave my pet expression to any one who can pronounce it correctly.

I, Evelyn Powell, do will my great ability to drive an automobile to any one who can wreck it as often as I have.

I, Beverly Blair Preas, do will my art of selling to Barbara Pedigo.

I, Thelma Sexton, do will my disposition to Mary Schaaff.

I, Nancy Shelor, do will my heart-breaking art to any one that can get away with it.

I, Genevieve Silcox, leave my ability to write stories with any one who can make believe as I do

I, Frances Smith, leave my broad smile to Edna Brown.

I, Edith Tolley, leave my "Slue Foot" to Mondia Eller.

I, Dorothy Turpin, leave my mighty ways to Vivian Brooks.

I, Georgia Vaught, do will my ability to catch "Biguns" to Doris Hadley.

I, Mildred Ward, do will my ability to type to any one who can mark out errors as neatly as I can.

We, Ruth Watson and Frances Wood, will our inseparable companionship to any two people who can understand each other as we do.

I, Dorothy Waldron, will my vocal fame to Thelma Clifton.

I, Lillian Foutz, do will my "Go-get-em" and "Keep-em" ability to all Junior girls.

I, Jeanne Scott, will my friendly ways to June Brooks.

I, Davis Adkins, do will my position as manager of the basket ball team to any one who can understand Mr. Myers.

I, Wilton Bryant, do will to Shirley Crowder my duplicate neatness.

I, Paul Cadd, do will my blocking ability on the gridiron to Jimmy Brooks.

I, William Carr, do will my indifference to Bobby Covington.

I, Gerald Carroll, do will my ability to carry a tune to Charles Slaydon.

I, Jesse Cox, do will my beautiful red hair to Mac Stiff.

I, David Creasy, leave my sleepy ways to Robert Hopkins.

I, Harry Dickson, do will my "sissy ways" to Shirley Crowder.

I, Lorenzo Dowdy, leave my boxing ability to Wista Gray.

I, Freeman Funk, leave my position as annual photographer to the person who understands it.

I, Edward Garnand, will my "Track" ability to Wallace Jacobs.

I, Maynard Gordan, do will the name of "Bigun" to Edgar Howell.

I, Richard Gordan, do will my good nature to Robert Pedigo.

I, Kermit Hale, do will my "Dagwood Bumstead" ways to Harold Boothe.

I, Frances Hill, do will my title "Tubba" to Warren Watson.

I, Odus Holland, do will the distance that I travel to school to "Flash" Gordon.

I, Milfred Hundley, do will my big mouth to Earl Thierry.

I, Joe Milner, will my "Piggish Ways" to any one who can get away with it as I have.

I, Brownie Moore, leave to Jack Pedigo my height.

I, Alfred Mullins, leave to C. C. Crockett my good sense, with the hope that some day he might use it.

I, Russell Myers, will my fair complexion to Mary Schaaff.

I, Roy Nichols, leave my new name, "Pennies," to James Buck.

I, Harding Patsel, will my ability to handle girls to Clarence Mynes.

I, Herbert Patterson, will my ability to handle dead people to Everette Harth.

I, Edward Payne, leave Mrs. Stiff's "Paynes" to L. P. Abell.

I, Earl Pedigo, leave with all lonely people my ability to carry on a conversation.

I, Raymond Pillow, leave my brotherly love to Leigh Crockett.

I, William Pillow, will my pretty blushes to Hugh Tucker.

I, President Jim Reynolds, leave my deep "frog" voice to the next Byrd High president.

I, Cleveland Saul, leave my "beauty" to Charles Old who needs it.

I, James Schaaff, leave the wish that Norris Brown sleep for me next year.

I, Kenny Scott, do will my "Charlie McCarthy" ways to Jack Catron.

I, Murphy Scott, leave my ability to call hunting dogs to Dan Hannabas.

I, Tom Silcox, do will the task of writing the last will to next year's Senior nut.

I, Albert Smith, do will my ability to drive my "teak" and not look at the road to Dan Jones.

I, Beverly Smith, leave my "Technified ways" with my car and my girls to Eugene Holmes.

I, Wilton Thurman, leave my light beard to Frank Williamson.

I, J. C. Turk, leave my "I want mama" to next year's baby.

I, Bobby Watson, leave my position as "track star" to Charles Shelor.

I, Bennie Wise, will my art of getting along with Rachel Foutz to Hazel Beeton.

Mr. Horn and Jo—Cast of Jane Eyre—Jo, Kermit and Vivian—Affirmative Debaters—Seniors—Negative Debaters—"Elizabeth"—"Spec" and "Tech"—Loafers—Murphy—Miss Beckner and her Debaters—Tillman—Dot—Rachel and Bev.—Ethel and Alfred—Jesse—Jo and Rachel—Nancy—William—Why so unhappy?—Miss Carson and Miss Beckner—Homecoming

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COURT NEWS

FAMOUS JURY SELECTED FOR BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT

Jesse Cox was named the "court" defendant in a Breach of Promise suit with Nancy Shelor this morning in the *News Gazette*. His trial was set for March second. The defending lawyer will be Odus Holland while the plaintiff will be represented by William Carr. Harding Patsel, recently appointed District Judge, will preside over the case. Chief witnesses in the case are Joe Milner, Murphy Scott, Sylvia Eten, and Dot Waldron, the great opera singer. The plaintiff is said to have in her possession a note which will convince the jury—Ardith Poff, Marvin Roop, Roy Nichols, Wallace Jacobs, Dorothy Hartman, Charlotte Heath, Dorothy Turpin, Essie Patsel, Bobby Watson, James Schaaff, John Weaver and Ruth Arrington—that she is justified in her accusation of the said defendant. It is hoped by both lawyers that the case can be settled out of court either by a settlement of money or marriage of defendant to plaintiff. Time alone will tell what the outcome will be.

Edith Tolley was picked up by officer Kenny O' Toole Scott for causing a scene on the corner of First and Lee Streets late last night.

Miss Frances Smith was fined $10.00 in Police Court, Tuesday, for speeding through town at a very late hour.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

Cleveland Saul has crashed the movies wide open as a second Robert Taylor. He is co-starred in his latest picture, "Campus Paradise," with Frances Wood. If the picture is not held over somewhere else it will be shown in the Vinton Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. You will be comfortably seated by the polite ushers—Davis Adkins, Wilton Bryant and Lawrence Roach. The sign which says any seat 25 cents doesn't mean you can sit in the booth with Mildred Ward or Ina Brown, the good-looking young ladies who sell tickets.

MARRY-GO-ROUND

Gerald Carroll, who runs the Matrimonial Bureau, had a rushing business last month. He matched 42 couples. Lillian Foutz, Hollins College graduate, was married at her home Easter Sunday. The lucky man wasn't named, but we can guess, can't we?

Mary Jeter Funk and Lorraine Munsey were bridesmaids at Miss Thelma Sexton's wedding when she became Mrs. James Schaaff.

CHURCH SERVICE

Reverend Edward Payne will conduct a revival at the Vinton Baptist Church all next week. The public is invited to attend.

RADIO PROGRAM

Jimmie Reynolds, bass, and Dot Waldron, soprano, made their first appearance before a large audience at the Metropolitan Opera House last night accompanied by the famous pianist, Elma Moody. Their very capable manager, Virginia Booth, has announced that they will tour through Europe early next year. Tom Silcox, the master of ceremonies on the Clover Creamery radio program, has invited them to be his guests on the program next week.

SPORT NEWS

The Gordon Brothers are throwing the weights around for Roanoke College.

Harry Dickson was recently appointed coach at nearby Roanoke College—the first person to become coach of a college without going to college. Paul Cadd signed contracts last week to play baseball for the Detroit Tigers—"Doggy" Dowdy won the feather weight A. A. U. State title last night by a K. O. in the eighth round. Muscle-bound Lewis Reynolds increased his popularity especially with the ladies by winning the heavy-weight wrestling title in two straight falls.

Myrtle Lawhorn is teaching Physical Education at Andrew Lewis Hi.

SOCIAL NEWS

Lottie Aliff, class beauty of '39, was selected "Miss Virginia." She will represent Virginia at the Beauty Contest at Atlantic City late this month. Here's luck to our former William Byrd student.

Georgia Vaught, Virginia Dillard, Elaine Nolan, Ruth Watson and Fawnie Lavelle were among the graduates of Radford State Teachers College at mid-term this year. They will serve as substitute teachers in the county.

Vivian Kidd will give a talk before the D. A. R. Club Thursday night at the Hotel Roanoke.

Herman Lionel Horn, former principal of W. B. H. S. and now Professor of Social Science at Columbia, is visiting his home on Washington Street this week.

Virginia Goodman, a teacher of Art in New York, is spending the week-end with her parents in Garden City Hotel.

Jo Meador, New York dramatic director, will give a talk before the Roanoke Dramatic Guild tonight at Hotel Roanoke.

NEW CANDIDATES FOR 1959 ELECTION

In an interview with reporter Kermit Hale last night Earl Pedigo announced his intention to run on the Republican ticket for U. S. Senator against Democratic Candidate Milfred Hunley—Alfred Mullins and J. C. Turk await the confirmation of Congress of their appointment to the Supreme Court and Secretary of Interior, respectively.

NEW STAMP FOR 1959

July has been selected as the date of issue of the commemorative stamp in honor of Beverly Smith, the world known and well loved maker of peace among the newly wed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Triple F Studio under the management of Freeman Funk will make the pictures for the BLACK SWAN this year.

The grand opening of the Moore-Garnand Grocery store will be held Saturday of this week.

Herbert Patteson, who has been in business with his daddy for the past few years, recently opened a funeral home of his own in Bonsack.

Rachel Nance was selected from a large list of applicants to model evening dresses at the new Laura M. Hale Fashion Store on First Street.

LOCAL NEWS

Dot Boley, Virginia Buck, Beverly Preas and Evelyn Powell are now saleslades for the Curtis Publishing Company.

The sales of the Blevins-Coleman Publishing Company were boosted greatly last year by the regular short stories of Genevieve Silcox.

Irene Barbour, fire swallower, and Callie Gordon, strong lady of the Ring Brothers Circus, refused to do their acts last week because of low wages. A settlement was reached today.

William Hill, wealthy truck farmer, was shot and badly wounded last night. He was taken to Roanoke Hospital and placed under the care of Dr. Russell Myers. Janet Long is his night nurse. No arrest have been made so far.

TO APPEAR ON MAGAZINE COVER

Jean Scott, lovely graduate from William Byrd, is the model used by Crowall, the artist who paints pictures for magazine covers. She appears on this week's *Collier's* cover—be sure and see it—it's a knockout.

The Underclasses

FRESHMAN SNAPS

SOPHOMORE SNAPS

JUNIOR SNAPS

The Junior Class

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Vivian Brooks
Edna Brown
Marie Bush
Marion Campbell
Thelma Clifton
Rachel Chockley
Lucille Cox
Martha Dickson
Lucille Dillard
Virginia Dowdy
Mary Dunman
Mondia Eller
Lois Fluke
Frances Gregory
Jean Grey
Mary Catherine Hadley
Catherine Hill
Elizabeth Holland
Evelyn James
Mary Jane Kelly
Lorine King
Clara Leonard
Virginia Lewis
Frances Manning
Zelda Martin
Carrie Mason
Cleo Meadows
Frances Moore
Harriet McIntosh
Lois Nunley
Ruth Overstreet
Dorothy Patterson
Barbara Pedigo
Izona Piner
Josephine Scott
Nancy Lee Scott
Neva Dell Semones
Shirley Smith
Landonia Spradlin
Ethel Sprouse
Helen Tabor
Mildred Thompson
Frances Tolley
Keith Barbour
Norris Brown

Thomas Cadd
Harry Caldwell
Cary Carter
Bobby Covington
Clinton Crockett
Shirley Crowder
Connie Dillon
Leewood Dove
Robert Hopkins
Edgar Howell
Howard Howell
Tillman Kesler
Robert Leonard
Aubrey McGeorge
Colvin Nunley
Charles Old
Robert Pedigo
Willie Ray Spencer
Shelby Spradlin
Earl Thierry
William Trent
Hugh Tucker
John Weaver
Frank Williamson
Thane Wood

Not Shown in Picture

Hazel Hurt
June Laughlin
Virginia Ponton
Vivian Ponton
Christine Thompson
Marie Thompson
Virginia Wade
Rachel Witt
Jimmy Brooks
John Brooks
James Bryant
William Clark
Carrol Dooley
Jimmy Fuqua
Raymond Howell
Wallace Jacobs
Hobert McAllister
Lawrence Roach
Marvin Roop
Earl Smith

"Blondie"
"Edna"
Cleo
Always Frances
Lara
"Jo"
Paul
Frances
Norris
Hough J.
"Socks"

The 1939 Betty

The Sophomore Class

Mary Jane T.

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Josephine Bush
Mary Elizabeth Chockley
Irene Dillon
Ruth Doran
Eloise Dove
Audrey Eanes
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Dora Earles
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Margaret Kelly
Rachel Kelly
Aileen Lewis
Mary F. Mason
Mary Louise Meadow
Cletie Milton
Evelyn Moore
Dorothy McGee
Virginia McGlothlin
Ruth Morgan
Edith Nolen
Melva Payne
Marie Perdue
Martha Pillow
Adina Pratt
Agnes Quam
Mae Radford
Margie Scott
Maxine Scott
Juanita Smith
Christine Stovall
Gretna Snyder
Marie Thompson
Lillie Weaver
Lucy West
Hazel Williams
Helen Willis
Dorothy Young
L. P. Abell
Ralph Blevins
J. W. Bowman
Roy Blankenship
John Burkholder
William Campbell
Jack Dickson
Kenneth Green
Gilbert Hartwell

William Byrd

The Sophomore Class

Everett Harth
Eugene Holmes
Truman Jones
Harvey Light
Norman Martin
Billy Mason
Charles Shelor
Donald Sigmon
Charles Slayton
Mac Stiff
Ira Snodgrass
Jack Tyler
Warren Watson

Just "Snet"

Members of Sophomore Class whose pictures do not appear in the annual

Forest Bishop
Johnson Blake
James Buck
Warren Butterworth
Floyd Craig
Pete Fuqua
Calvin Gordon
Robert Hill
Theodore Hopcraft
Ernest Hopkins
Billy Hutson
James Long
Charles Martin
Hubert Martin
Billy McCarty
Clarence Mynes
Jim O'Brien
Clarence Perdue
Eugene Ridgeway
James Sinclair
B. C. Stout
Edmond Tompkins
Frank Waddell
Elwood Watson
Troy Wiley
Tommy Wilkerson
Dennis Wills
Andrew Wiseman
Maurice Wiseman
Jack Wood
Clarence Wray
Herbert Wright
Maurice Wright
Russell Zimmerman
Mary Jane Atkinson
Frances Broughman
June Burkholder
Margaret Cadd
Jean Comer
Juanita Davis
Marian Dearing
Irma Dickerson
Clara Flowers
Lucille Herman
Flonnie Jeter
Geraldine Martin
Betty Moore
Estelle Mullins
Bevie Peters
Mary Proctor
Marian Ragland
Mary Schaaff
Doris Scott
Royce Smith
Betty Jane Whitt
Audrey Wood
Ruth Wood

The Freshman Class

Mrs. Ernestine Vinyard
Sponsor

Carl Adams
Louise Adams
Vernon Adams
Helen Agner
Doris Aliff
Marie Amos
Melbourne Amos
Wesley Anderson
Ralph Arrington
Aubrey Arthur
Elizabeth Askew
Norman Askew
Etholine Atkins
Frances Austin
Christine Baldwin
Christine Barbour
Jean Beckner
James Bennington
Margie Biller
Cloyd Blankenship
James Blankenship
Harold Booth
Ethel Boyd
Lewis Bradbury
June Brooks
Altie Mae Broughman
Celestia Brown
Elbert Brown
Elsie Brown
Joe Brown
Louise Brown
Willard Bryant
Pauline Buck
Viola Burdette
Violette Burdette
Carl Bush
Joe Bush
Leonard Bush
Jewel Campbell
Henry Campbell
Richard Carroll
Robert Carner
Edwin Carter
Harry Carter
Walter Carter
Jack Catron
Harold Chisom
Ruby Chisom
James Chocklett
Sara Ruth Chockley
Horace Clark
Carl Clasby
Myrtle Clemmer
Norma Comer
Pauline Comer
Frances Cook
Keith Cook
Marie Cook
Phyllis Cook
Howard Cooper
Doris Cotrell
Aelise Covington
Joe Cox
Genevieve Crafton
Lois Craig
Roger Creasy
Versal Creasy
Edna Cregger
Kathleen Cregger
Peggy Cregger
Leigh Crockett
Adrian Cronk
Ruby Cupp
Billy Custer
Elizabeth Dalton
Leslie Dalton
Frances Davis
Dorothy Davis
Dorris Davis
Robert DeLong
Ruth Dickens
Hubert Dickinson
Pauline Divers
Frances Dowdy
Ruth Duncan
Janie Durham
Hattie Dwyer
Helen Earles
Robert Edmonds
Sophie Eller
Paul Epperley
Edward Eten
Robert Eten
Boyd Ferguson
Ovella Ferguson
Ruby Flowers
Thurman Flowers
Katherine Foutz
Josephine Funk
Calvin Garnand
Christine Gearheart—*Vice President*
Hugh Gearheart
Irene Gearheart
Helen Gearing
Viola Goodman
Wista Gray
Nelson Graybill
Willie Graybill
Louise Gravely
Earl Greene—*Treasurer*
Buddy Grey
Thelma Grey
Janie Gutherie
Irvin Guilliams
Dorothy Hale
Deniel Hale
Maxine Hale
Helen Hall
Dan Hannabass
Alberta Hartwell
Frances Hatcher
Jesse Hatcher
Elizabeth Harvey
William Henley
Corbitt Hicks
Hazel Hicks
Juanita Hight
Lucy Hill
Ralph Hill
Dorothy Hodges
Annie Holdren
Francis Holdren
Lillian Holdren
Shirley Holdren
Oneida Holland
Ruth Houser
Christine Howell
Doris Huff
Phyllis Hurt
Ruth Hurt
Muriel Johnson
Sarah Johnson
Dan Jones
James Jones
Louise Kesler
Catherine Kidd
Harry King
Guy Lawrence
Eugene LaVelle
Iva Leftwich
Frank Lester
Virginia Lloyd
James Lynch
Nelcine McBride
Lucille Manning
Mary Bell Manning
Jack Miller
Edward Milton
Elizabeth Mitchell
Mary Mitchell
Lois Moore
Louise Mullins
Betty Lee Munsey
Robert Muse
Aileen Overstreet
Frances Overstreet
Frank Overstreet
Geraldine Overstreet
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Leanna Patsel
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Paul Radford
Lorene Ragland
Elizabeth Ridgeway
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Lillian Roach
Ruth Roberts
Bernard Rollins
James Rule
Mae Rutledge
Lorraine Saunders
Louise Saunders
Rachael Saunders
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Hazel Scott
Hubert Scott
Robert Scott
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Hazel Shackleford
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Margaret Short
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Helen Snead
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Albert Smith
Edgar Smith
Gladys Smith
Guy Smith
Julian Smith
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Douglas Spradlin
Jenoese Spradlin
Hattie Sprouse
Helen St. Clair
McKinley St. Clair
Hortense Stanley
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Theodora Wassell
Emmett Wade
Frances Watson
Marion Watson
Curtis Weaver
Mary Weaver
Dorothy Webb
Nancy Whitmire
Roy Whitmire
Vivian Whittington
Dan Wilderson
Jack Wilderson
Bobby Williamson
Annie Willis
Nelson Witt
Howard Wiseman
Doreda Woolridge
Lena Woolwine
Florence Wright
Wiley Wright

The Elementary School

HERE in our elementary school we have general assembly twice a week, our plays, and various other activities. Lying behind this building is our athletic field and beside it our tennis court. And so, since many of our activities center around the school at the bottom of the hill, we regard it as an essential branch of William Byrd.

Elementary School

Harold Chocklett
Wesley Cox
Dennis Gearheart
Fred Goggin
Calvin Hale
Frank Hannah
Jack Laughlin
Roy Martin
Don Moody
Andrew Moore
Edward Muse
Courtney Mynes
Billy O'Brien
Conley Osborne
Claude Perdue
James Poole
Richard Poole
Melvin Roberts
Francis Sprouse
Lloyd Weeks
Lenwood Woolridge
William Hyler
Ruby Barger
Frances Bishop
Doris Blake
Jean Furbush
Ella Hannabas
Margaret Hurt
Barbara Kelly
Frances Kelly
Audrey Lantz
Lyla Peters
Virginia Lee Stanley
Jeanette Stewart
Jewel Tomlinson
Virginia Gill Watson
Mary Whitworth
Edgar Blevins
Harry Powell Boley
Bobby Brewer
George Gish Dewitt
Joe Edmonds
Hugh Franklin
Lewis Gibson
Don Gross
John Hill
Charles Hogan
Joe Jeter
Howard Mattox
Clarence Overacre
Artie Ryan
Gerald Shaver
Arthur Spence

Earl Woolridge
Bettie Lee Carter
Edna Chambers
Thelma Chapman
Jean Crockett
Mary Custer
Emily Davis
Jacqueline Eddins
Ethel Jordan
Irene Kirk
Bettie Jean Patterson
Ann Lee Powers
Alfrieda Roatenberry
Shirley Robinson
Mary Emma Scott
Lenore Seibel
Doris Shiflett
Lucy St. Clair
Virginia Thomason
Saddie Mary Vest
Hazel Via
Doris Wright
Warren Andrews
Thomas Flowers
Bobby Hannah
Lewis Hagan
Eugene Miller
Fred Patsel
Junior Pugh
Jack Ridgeway
Harold Saunders
Billy Watson
Elton Wheeler
Malcolm Via
Edna Chittum
Elizabeth Garrett
Iona Green
Thelma Hurt
Beverline Martin
Nadine Miller
Lois Nichols
Hazel Shepherd
Ralph Barger
Calvin Leffler
William Poff
Earl Powell
Annie Arthur
Norma Freese
Anna Gay
Essie Hollins
Myrtle Howell
Helen James

Frances Jones
Dorothy Minnix
Catherine Powell
Dorothy Roberts
Ruth Shepherd
Mildred Stamper
Gloria Thomas
Frank Ayers
Gerald Barbour
Fred Bower
Paul Bowman
Billy Crafton
Wayne Gray
Melvin Johnson
Bobby Miller
Bobby Moore
Everett Ransom
Ronald Roberts
Jimmy Scott
La Vern Smith
Marshall Thrasher
Alton Witt
June Anderson
Irene Baldwin
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The Freshman's Prayer

A woman is my teacher, I shall not pass,
She maketh me to sit in a classroom;
She leadeth me to the blackboard,
She handeth me the chalk,
She guideth me in straight paths for my grades' sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of knowledge,
I learneth not, for I am dumb,
My notebook and pencil accompany me,
She maketh me show my ignorance before my fellow students,
She has anointed my head with examples,
My fountain pen runneth over,
Surely English and Algebra shall
Follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall be a freshman forever.

Amen.

Carry On!

When we recall the days of yore
When we were rats, and nothing more;
When all our steps were made in fear
Of bothering some teacher dear,
Or making some great Senior sore
By treading loudly on the floor—
Ah, then we laugh to think that we
Seniors ourselves have come to be,
And as the Seniors of that day,
Have everything the self-same way.
The airs they wore as Seniors then
We have put on; although we ken,
That we're no more than rats grown wise,
And more important in OUR eyes.
"How is it, then, you walk the halls
Ignoring teacher's frantic bawls,
Strutting around with haughty mien,
Without a lesson in your bean?"
The rats may say. Ah, little ones,
That is our secret and, anon,
When you have also come to be
Exalted beings such as we,
You, too, will find that secret out,
And then you, too, will start to shout,
"I am a Senior! Give to me
Th' respect due what I've come to be!"
You will forget the fact that you
Were once an humble being, too;
For Senioritis gets us all,
In school and college, great and small.
'Tis a disease which makes us proud
And holds our heads above the clouds.
Yes, we are proud. But, little mice,
Just let us rave—we've paid the price.
We've studied, worried, fussed around,
Trying our best to gain some ground
Against spring fever, dates, and all
The things that tempt us from these halls.
We've done our best, and, now, my friends,
It's up to you to take the ends
Of all the threads we have begun
And "carry on" till the rope is spun.
Our time has passed; yours just begun;
Catch up the torch and carry on!

—SELECTED.

William Byrd School Song

1. High school days are swiftly fleeting Through our days of thrill
2. Hark the sound of strong young voices Ringing clear and true

We're the Terriers you are greeting Soon to leave the hill
To the praises of our high school William Byrd to you

Faithful, loyal, free, triumphant; All so brave and true
Hail her colors proudly waving! Orange and maroon

To our teachers, friends, and classmates; William Byrd to you!
Hail to thee our Alma Mater! William Byrd to you!

Sincerely
Jim Reynolds

Extra-Curricular

Although the main purpose of our life at William Byrd is to develop our intellectual side, not all of our time is absorbed in studying our textbooks. That other phase of our life which plays a very important rôle in these school days is the molding of our young characters, physically and socially. Thus we consider the clubs, athletic organizations, and the band important branches of our school.

Because we know that in realizing our ambition as good citizens, it is necessary to be not only good leaders but also good followers, we have elected a student governing council to preside over us. Our president is James Reynolds; our vice president Josephine Scott; Janet Long is the secretary; and Lucille Cox is reporter.

And so in recognition of the importance of extra-curricular activities, we submit the following pages of this annual to our organizations.

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The 1939

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William Byrd

Résumé of Athletics

THE 1938-39 season has been a very successful one judging from the games won and lost. The football team won its first four games in a row, tied its fifth, and dropped its last three by close scores. The basket ball team, after a slow start, won ten straight games and climaxed a very successful season at Bluefield by winning the Western District Class B Tournament. As the annual goes to press, our track and tennis teams are yet to have a meet, but good prospects are practicing for both sports.

The football team, under the direction of Coach Ahalt, developed rapidly in early season practices. The boys showed up well in the opening games by defeating Christiansburg High by the score of 47—0. The next week they crushed Martinsville High almost as badly, and then beat Fleming and Radford before battling a game Bedford team to a tie. Then in mid-season, the team suffered injuries and never functioned as well, for in no game was every regular present. The team lost to Clifton Forge, Narrows, and Salem by close scores to end the season.

The highlight of the season was the Home-Coming Day game which our boys won 19—0, thus keeping up the school's tradition of never losing a game on such a celebration.

Our school had the honor of having the State's leading scorer, blonde Shirley Crowder, Junior halfback, scoring 88 points to lead all other State backs by a good margin. Harry Dickson, Brownie Moore, Tom Cadd, and Joe Milner, in addition to Crowder, were named on the All-City-County Teams. In addition to these, Jesse Cox, Jimmy Fuqua, Paul Cadd, Lewis Reynolds, Francis Hill, Murphy Scott, and Tom Silcox played well.

The Terriers basket ball team lived up to advanced publicity and developed into what could be classed one of the best teams in the school history. For the team's fine record much credit should be given to Coach Myers. After a weak start Coach Myers finally found a winning combination and from mid-season his team went undefeated.

The team was chosen as the No. 1 team in this part of their district, and proved themselves to be the strongest in the whole district by winning the Western State Class B title at Bluefield. Harry Dickson was probably the most outstanding player on the team, winning a place on the All-City-County Team and also on the All-Tournament Team. Aubrey McGeorge, Jimmy Fuqua, Frank Williamson, Shirley Crowder, and Hugh Tucker also played good ball.

Football Squad

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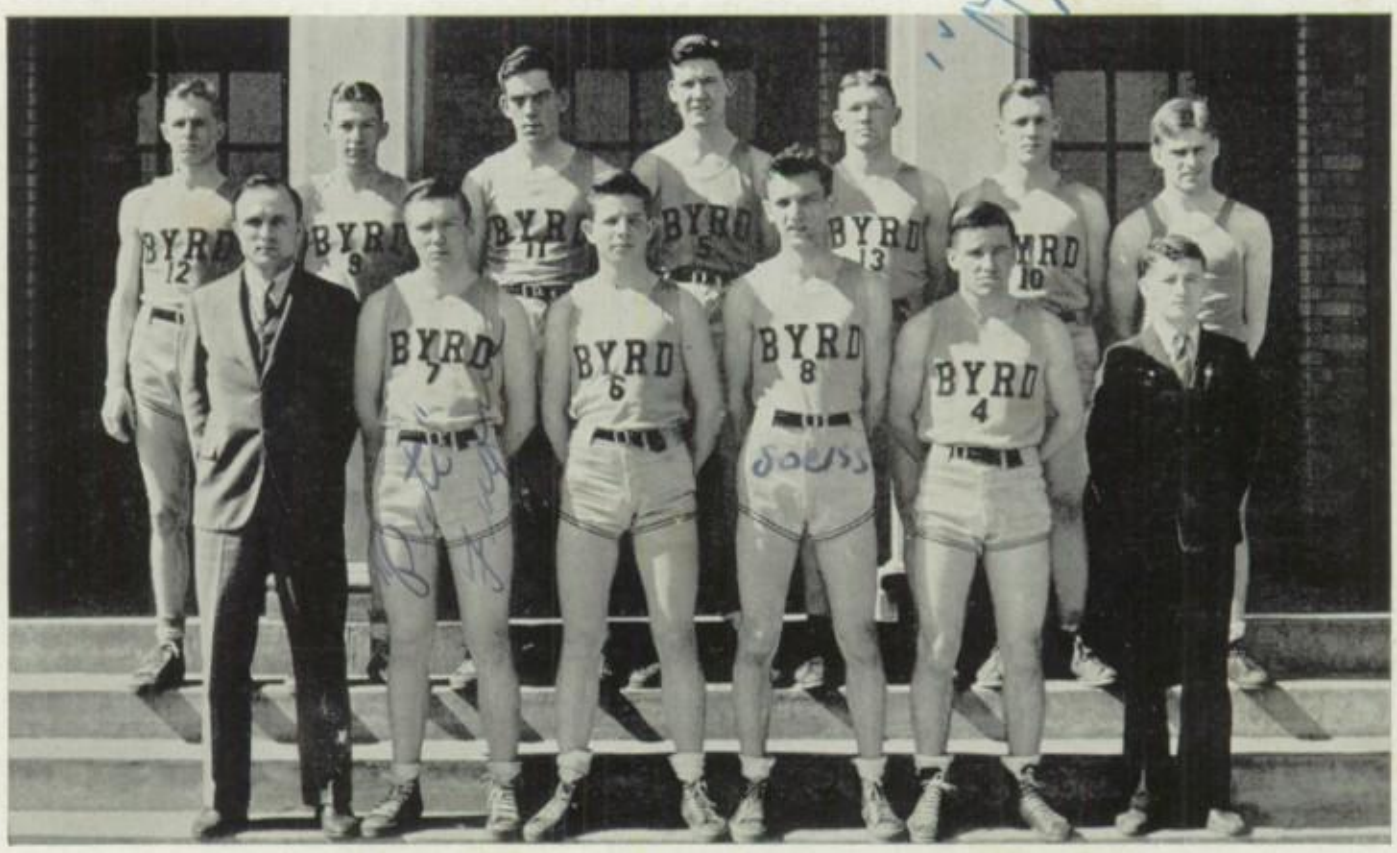
Schedule, 1938

TEAM	OPPONENT	WILLIAM BYRD
Christiansburg	0	47
Martinsville	0	38
William Fleming	0	12
Radford	0	19
Bedford	12	12
Clifton Forge	21	7
Narrows	20	6
Salem	13	0
	66	141



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SCHEDULE

TEAM	OPPONENT	WILLIAM BYRD
Alumni	15	17
Andrew Lewis	26	30
Roanoke College Freshmen	32	27
Radford	21	33
Clifton Forge	21	19
Jefferson	56	30
William Fleming	19	18
Clifton Forge	23	40
Martinsville	24	22
Jefferson	42	28
Martinsville	21	22
Radford	18	37
Buchanan	21	22
Buchanan	20	51
Andrew Lewis	23	24
William Fleming	20	30
Stuart	24	34

TOURNAMENT

Saltville	24	25
Shoemaker	27	34
Graham	18	23

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BYRD HIGH WINS Crowder Continues To Hold Lead In State DISTRICT TITLE In Class "B" Tourney

Byrd Debaters Divide Honors

Vinton and Fincastle High Schools Each Win Two Contests

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William ... team, composed ... ondia ... Eller and Ge... to ... the Fincastle ... le ... Gerald Carroll ... boy representative ... ing in a meet at ... team was accompanied ... Beckner, debate coach.

In the other half of the Vinton, the local negative composed of Robert and Earl ... and Shelby Spradlin, defeated Fincastle affirmative team. ... Hederick, Fincastle public speaking entry, won over Christine Patsel.

Coleman is Speaker

An address by H. W. Coleman, Vinton town manager, today featured the William Byrd high school general assembly program, which was dedicated to an observance of Vinton's 55th birthday anniversary tomorrow. The program was in

TERRIERS WIN IN FINAL HALF

Colonels Put Up Great Fight Before Succumbing

VINTON NOSES OUT SALTVILLE

Fleming Ousts Tazewell, 17-14—Martinsville Loses

Five Players in Contest Score Six Points

A half-time lead of 18-11 was too much for the Andrew Lewis five to overcome as they lost a close game to William Byrd, 24-23 on the Salem court last night.

Unable to hit the hoop the first half, the Wolverines came back and

The Byrd Terriers and Fleming Colonels Clash at Homecoming

William Byrd Tops Andrew Lewis, ...

Crowder, f.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott, c.	0	0-0	0
Weaver, g.	0	0-0	0
T. Fuqua, g.	2	0-0	4
Totals	12	10-15	34

CROWDER LEADS MATES IN WIN

Halfback Accounts for All But One Point

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... of Sale... ...
... Ray ... ...
each counted six p...
In the prelim... the
Bush-Hancock ... the
Andrew Lewis
The line-...
Lewis (23)
Barnett
Reyno...
Win...
Sh...

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		10	23
		Pf.	Tp.
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	0-0	1	6
	0-1	0	2
0	0-0	0	0
0	1-3	2	1
0	2-5	2	2
1	0-0	1	2
1	0-0	1	2
0	0-0	0	0
1	1-4	2	3

Vinton Crew Tames Salem

Brown Scores for P...

... forward and Paul Reed, of William Fleming, forwar... ...d, of Jefferson, center. Below, Harry Dickson, of ...d Jesse Boston, of Jefferson, guard. (Time ...y).

Andrew Lewis Beats William Byrd, 13 to 0

VINTON DEFEATS STUART, 34 TO 24

Contest Is Final Home Appearance for Byrd

William Byrd won over a visiting Stuart high team, 34-24, last night on the Vinton court.

Raymond Howell paced the Terriers in the victory with eight points while George, Stuart forward, scored 10 points to lead the shooters in the contest.

Seniors Going To World Fair

Fifty-Seven Byrd High ...dents Have Regis... for Trip

...rd-Clifton Forge Game Only Local Battle

CAPTAIN DICKSON BREAKS LOOSE IN THE LAST PERIOD

Three Fast Baskets Wipes Out G-Men Lead and Puts Roanokers in Front

LOTITO NAMED CAPTAIN OF ALL TOURNEY TEAM

Pre-Tournament Favorites From Vinton Show Com... ...te Reversal From First ... Form to Go on to G-Men in Final

TERRIERS WAGE A GAME BATTLE

Win in Last Period—F... ing Loses in Mo...

BLUEFIELD, Va... William Byrd wit... ...d gameness, captur... ...ts-trict Virginia ... ball tournament ... ...g de-feating Gre... ...d to 18 here toni...

The ... ...am turned to lon... ...oting in the final ... their man-to-ma... ...ed Graham at ev... ...go into the lead at... out threate... ...tory.

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(0) Wm. Byrd		
.....		Scott
f.....		Dixon
G.....		Moore
...C.....		Wise
....RG.....		Hale
.....RT.....		Hill
...ke ....RE.....		Silcox
...der .....QB.....		Milner
...ltlock ....HB.....		Crowder

TERRIERS SCORE IN ROUGH GAME

Hugh Tucker Leads Winners With 11 Points

William Byrd Beats Radford High, 37-18

TERRIERS GO ON SCORING SPREE

Start Early To Wallop Chris...

Tom Gaun	....C.....	McGrady
Nichols	RG....	E. Crowder
Reynolds	RT.....	Updike
Silcox	RE.....	Johnson
Pugue	QB.....	Layman

...shoots of ...school of Vin... ...nty) defeated ... by a 23-18 ... Side hard... ... the west... ... class B ... game ...ugh of ...ore while ... the final ...at the ex... ...teming.

William Byrd, entering the tournament as the favorite to win the title, did not look good in their opening game Friday, but put on display a complete ... ...rsal of form as they whipped ...

Crowder Contributed To Byrd's Victory Over Martinsville

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JESSE COX: "The cow."

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VIVIAN: "A check for the book."

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but may success be yours
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you next year old
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Remember our
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Class
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Amos

May you have the best
of luck in life.
Shirley Crowder

a friend
James Schaaff.
"Shaky"

"Silence is golden."
Lois Overstreet

Wilton: —
You're a honey!
Miss. Carson

I hope you will work harder in English (if you have to take it again.)
Always,
Lottie

Here's wishing you the best of luck & success.
Always,
Jane

Good luck
"Block head"
"Boots"
Whittington

Best wishes
Brownie

Lots of luck to a Heris to one that swell neighbor. I'll be seeing you some more, so I won't say good-bye.
Rachel Nance.

Good luck and always remember that wonderful Science 21 class 5th period.
Ruth Watson

No more loafing from you. I expect a model student next year.
M. Snider

"Best of luck"
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Success —
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wishing you the best of luck.
a friend.
Albert J. Smith Jr

The very best of luck.
Hugh Tucker

I am wishing you the best of luck. May we always be friends. Don't forget the trip to Narrows.
a friend,
June Brooks

To a boy
with such a
sunny disposition
I extend Very best
wishes - Sincerely
Edna Brown

Lots of Luck to a great guy
Norris Brown

May you be successful
in all undertakings!!
Mildred Ward

Remember me as a
friend always
Gretna Snyder

A friend
- Mary J. Thomas

Always a
friend.
Frances Smith.

Remember our
History Class and
good luck to you.
Frances Tolley

May Happiness be great
May sorrys be none
when you get some
cigarettes give me one.
Paul Cadd.

Here's hoping
you lots of
luck & fun
in the future
"Jo" S.

Best wishes!
J. A. Hampton

Wilton - we
have been in
high school a
long time to-
gether - but even
if we do part we
will always be
friends I hope,
always,
L. Munsey

Oh, Hilton, I could just kick you for flunking. Just think what you're missing now. Anyway good luck next year.
Always a pal
"Jo" Meador

Best of luck and success!!
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Best of luck and success
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Evelyn

May you always know your history lesson as well as well as you do now
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Remember (1784)
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Well Hilton I hear you like us so well you're gonna stay with us! Will enjoy that.
Be good
E. D. Sprouse

Good luck to you old pal
Don't "scrutch out" to much
Dawn Adkins

Best of Luck to you
Wiltan.
Gerald Cannell

Loads of Luck.
Nancy.

Loads of luck in everything
you undertake.
A friend,
Laurie Hale

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